

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

The discussion granted by Examiner Bastianelli on March 8, 2007 is hereby acknowledged. During the discussion, the Examiner reviewed the specification and claims with Applicants' attorney and made suggestions with regard to revisions of the application that are necessary for closer compliance with U.S. patent practice and procedure and to avoid a rejection of the claims as being vague and indefinite. It is believed that all revisions necessary for compliance with U.S. patent practice and procedure have now been made. Should the Examiner determine, however, that any additional changes are needed, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' attorney for authorization of an Examiner's Amendment.

In view of the foregoing, an early and favorable Office Action is believed to be in order and the same is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

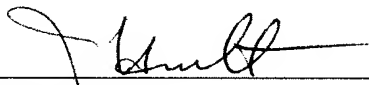
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